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Opposition to SB16

I am in opposition to SB 16. Connecticut continues to punish legal gun owners and create new laws while the State doesn't even enforce or follow the current laws on the books. The hypocrisy is astonishing. For example in CT it is a statutory requirement for a pistol permit to be approved or denied within 8 weeks, however many towns and cities routinely exceed that limit by weeks and even months and there is zero recourse against the town or city. This is particularly an issue in our cities where it's not unusual for people's rights to be denied for months upon months.

I feel more safe at a gun range than I do driving on the highways in CT. My life is in greater danger driving on I-84 where traffic laws are ignored than it is at a gun range standing next to someone shooting a CT legal other firearm.

I've met so many people of different backgrounds at gun ranges and I think it is awesome that so many people of different backgrounds are becoming first time gun owners. I do believe that the number of first time gun owners will continue to increase. This bill punishes those first time gun owners by telling them what firearm they can have or not have. What is next .. will people be told what car they have to drive? This bill also penalizes current legal gun owners in the state. Not every legal gun owner will even know about this change in the law. Many legal gun owners who legally purchased their firearm won't even realize the law changed until it is too late.

In closing I respectfully disagree with this bill and I am in opposition to this bill.

I thank you for your time

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